

### **Greetings from the 2023 ANS Student Conference Planning Committee**

The American Nuclear Society (ANS) chapter at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK) is passionate about working towards becoming the best versions of ourselves by promoting nuclear science and engineering across our campus, in addition to the East Tennessee community as we continue to grow in excellence and prestige. The ANS Student Conference, to be hosted by the UTK ANS student chapter on April 13-15, 2023, is an excellent opportunity for students, faculty, and industry professionals alike to come together and share similar interests through the variety of applications in nuclear. With that said, we have set out to create several goals for all participants and attendees by providing an opportunity for those individuals to expand their network through collaboration, motivating the next generation of nuclear scientists and engineers to express and act upon their extraordinary new ideas, and creating an atmosphere of becoming a unified, strong-minded group with those involved in the science and engineering community.

### **Passing the Torch**

We have chosen the theme of “Passing the Torch” to pay homage to our University’s academic mascot, the Torchbearer. Living by this theme, we want the conference to be a symbol for continuing nuclear sciences from one generation to the next. Our intentions for all attendees of the conference are to reflect on the growth of the nuclear industry, along with thinking innovatively when hearing from those that came before to motivate nuclear scientists and engineers in progressing one step forward towards their individual aspirations. Due to the plethora of nuclear history all around Knoxville, hosting the conference in this remarkable location provides a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for those attending to connect and learn from generations of the past, present, and future.

Hosting and executing this conference in order to achieve our goals will not be possible without the gracious help from our sponsors and exhibitors. Our goal is to reach \$230,000 in support, which will be allocated towards attendance for students and various events, panels, and sessions at the conference. We invite you to please contribute to this conference in order to help our ideas and vision come to fruition. We greatly appreciate any support you are able to provide! Please take some time to review our packages detailed below to solidify which option is best suited for your company or organization. We look forward to working alongside our supporters to organize an incredible experience for all attendees and to initiate the Passing of the Torch from one generation to the next.

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### **Benefits of Supporting the Conference**

The annual ANS Student Conference promotes the growth of individual students and bolsters connections from around the nuclear industry. The companies and organizations who choose to support our conference are given the opportunity to network with the brightest and most passionate young minds in the nuclear field. Attendees of the conference will have the opportunity to tour facilities, explore various fields of research from both their peers and industry professionals, as well as attend workshops in a wide-range of topics.

An assortment of tiers are available to fit the needs of any organization. Brand placement will be included throughout the conference, such as advertisements in the conference program and conference t-shirts. Events such as dinners, socials, panels, and coffee breaks will be named after the companies and organizations who support the conference. The career fair provides our supporters with a formal opportunity to network and recruit interested students, all while promoting the professional growth of the students.

Sponsors and exhibitors are given titles in recognition for the contributions they make to the ANS Student Conference. Regardless of what level your company or organization chooses, contributors should pride themselves on being part of the movement of Passing the Torch from one to another. While the titles of the tiers seem unconventional to the nuclear field, they represent a great part of UTK's history. Most names represent an individual who is a part of UTK's Trailblazer series - an honorary award to recognize the accomplishments of African Americans affiliated with the University who are 'Trailblazers' in their disciplines and/or the fields of diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice.

**Torchbearer: \$30,000+**

- Five complimentary registrations
- Full page advertisement in the conference program and/or app
- Biggest logo on conference t-shirt
- Social Media shoutout
- Distinguished supporter of the Award Ceremony
- Lunch & Learn
- Career fair table with priority location

**Geier: \$20,000**

- Four complimentary registrations
- Full page advertisement in the conference program and/or app
- Large logo on conference t-shirt
- Social Media shoutout
- Lunch & Learn
- Co-supporter of the Networking Dinner
- Career fair table

**Robinson: \$10,000**

- Three complimentary registrations
- 1/2 page advertisement in the conference program and/or app
- Medium logo on conference t-shirt
- Social Media shoutout
- Co-supporter of a Social Event
- Career fair table

**Fleming: \$5,000**

- Two complimentary registrations
- 1/4 page advertisement in the conference program and/or app
- Small logo on conference t-shirt
- Panel or Workshop
- Career fair table

**Summitt: \$3,000**

- One complimentary registration
- 1/4 page advertisement in the conference program and/or app
- Panel
- Table at the Networking Dinner
- Career fair table

**Volunteer: \$1,000**

- Recognition at the end of the conference program and/or app
- Recognition in awards ceremony slideshow

The **Torchbearer** is one of the most iconic symbols of the University of Tennessee. The statue represents lighting the way in our communities, our fields, and our lives. The statue holds the eternal flame, which represents the light of knowledge, truth, enlightenment, and intellectual optimism reflected in our creed.

Rita **Geier** is the former Associate to the Chancellor and Senior Fellow at UTK's Howard Baker Center for Public Policy, and made efforts to work towards the diversity and intercultural goals of the University. She also worked with faculty and students from Tennessee State University in 1968 to eradicate legal segregation and to create a unitary system of higher education to make it more accessible to African Americans throughout the colleges and universities in the state of Tennessee.

Theotis **Robinson** Jr. was an undergraduate student at the University of Tennessee in 1961, where his application and meetings with President Andrew Holt led to the change in the UTK admissions policy that allowed for Black undergraduate students to be admitted to the university. Robinson was also actively involved in civil rights demonstrations in both the Knoxville community and in the campus community.

Cynthia **Fleming** joined the history department at UTK as a faculty member, making her one of the first two Black female faculty members of the College of Arts and Sciences in 1982. In 1987, Fleming earned tenure and worked to grow the African-American Studies program at UTK over the next 10 years. She was also the first Black woman to receive a Ph.D. in history from Duke University.

Pat **Summitt** is an integral part of UTK's history. From 1974-2012, she was the head coach of the Lady Vols basketball team, who had 1,098 career wins, making her the winningest coach of all time at that point in her career. Not only did she dedicate a lot of time to developing young women into strong individuals, but she also devoted herself to raising awareness worldwide about Alzheimer's disease through the Pat Summitt Foundation.

A **Volunteer** is more than just a name for the University of Tennessee – it is a commitment. To be a volunteer is using your passion, talent, hard-work, and leadership in bettering the community. Around the University, this is the model we strive towards in order to become a stronger, more-unified Volunteer family.